

July 11, 2018

The Honorable Richard Shelby  
Chairman  
U.S. Senate  
Committee on Appropriations  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Patrick Leahy  
Ranking Member  
U.S. Senate  
Committee on Appropriations  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Rodney Frelinghuysen  
Chairman  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Committee on Appropriations  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Nita Lowey  
Ranking Member  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Committee on Appropriations  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Shelby, Ranking Member Leahy, Chairman Frelinghuysen, and Ranking Member Lowey:

On behalf of the undersigned organizations, we are writing in support of funding for energy efficiency programs administered by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) in Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 consistent with the levels approved by the U.S. Senate on June 25. These programs return benefits and savings to American homeowners, consumers, and businesses many times greater than the public's investment. Furthermore, according to a recent report these programs have helped develop an energy efficiency sector that accounts for 2.25 million jobs.<sup>1</sup> We urge you to accept the Senate position on funding levels in conference negotiations and include clear and direct report language to ensure these programs continue contributing to improved energy efficiency in our nation's buildings and infrastructure and increased economic and energy productivity as Congress intends.

Energy efficiency is our nation's most abundant energy resource. Without the gains in energy efficiency made since 1973, the U.S. economy would today require 60% more energy than we currently consume. Between then and today, U.S. gross domestic product has tripled while energy consumption has only risen by about 40%. The importance of DOE programs in research, technical assistance, and market integration efforts that have driven gains in energy efficiency cannot be overstated. DOE energy efficiency programs provide an exceptional value to American consumers and businesses, yielding benefits that far outweigh the relatively nominal outlays appropriated by Congress. As our society grows ever more dependent on energy to power our daily lives, now is not the time to abandon or shortchange the important work carried out by DOE. **To that end, we respectfully urge you to provide FY2019 funding for the following DOE programs, consistent with levels approved by the Senate, and as summarized below:**

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<sup>1</sup> "2018 U.S. Energy and Employment Report," Energy Futures Initiative and National Association of State Energy Officials, May 2018, <https://www.usenergyjobs.org/report/>. Last accessed July 5, 2018.

| Program   | FY2018<br>Omnibus Appropriations  | FY2019<br>Senate Energy and Water<br>Appropriations   |
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| <b>Advanced Manufacturing Office</b><br>■ <i>Enables the research, development, demonstration and deployment of industrial energy efficiency and advanced manufacturing technologies that will keep U.S. companies competitive in international markets and support jobs in local communities.</i>  | \$305,000,000   | <b><u>\$311,000,000</u></b>   |
| <b>Building Technologies Office</b><br>■ <i>Develops innovative, cost-effective technologies, tools, and solutions that help U.S. homeowners, consumers, and businesses achieve peak energy efficiency performance in their buildings across all sectors of our economy.</i>  | \$220,727,000   | <b><u>\$225,000,000</u></b>   |
| <b>Energy Information Administration<sup>2</sup></b><br>■ <i>Provides data collection, analysis and reporting activities on energy use and consumption including the Commercial Buildings Energy Consumption Survey and the Residential Buildings Energy Consumption Survey.</i>  | \$125,000,000   | <b><u>\$125,000,000</u></b>   |
| <b>Federal Energy Management Program</b><br>■ <i>Leverages private-sector capital in performance contracts; provides project and policy expertise to all federal agencies, helping them meet Congressional and Executive energy management goals, such as reducing waste in federal agency energy use, spurring innovation and the commercialization of efficient technologies.</i> | \$27,000,000  | <b><u>\$31,000,000</u></b>  |
| <b>Weatherization and Intergovernmental Activities<sup>3</sup></b><br>■ <i>Supports energy efficiency and broader clean energy technologies and practices in partnership with state, local, and territorial governments.</i>  | \$251,000,000<br>(Weatherization Assistance Programs)<br>\$55,000,000<br>(State Energy Program) | <b><u>\$251,000,000</u></b><br>(Weatherization Assistance Programs)<br><b><u>\$55,000,000</u></b><br>(State Energy Program) |
| <b>Vehicle Technologies Program</b><br>■ <i>Promotes the development of advanced efficiency technologies for light- and heavy-duty vehicles and transportation system efficiency.</i>   | \$337,500,000   | <b><u>\$337,500,000</u></b>   |

<sup>2</sup> The House and Senate approved the same funding level for the Energy Information Administration.

<sup>3</sup> The House and Senate approved the same funding levels for Weatherization and Intergovernmental Activities. Funding for the Weatherization Assistance Program includes \$3,000,000 for training and technical assistance.

**We also encourage you to once again include clear direction to DOE to obligate and expend funds consistent with Congressional intent and in a timely manner.** Both the House and Senate provided clear report language that directs DOE to distribute funds in a timely manner and not prioritize early-stage research and development at the expense of later-stage deployment and demonstration activities. As you reconcile competing (at times very similar, and often complementary) report language in conference negotiations, we respectfully recommend a more expansive, “more is better” approach to ensure Congressional intent is stated clearly and directly. We also encourage you to accept the House-approved language regarding ENERGY STAR®, and the Senate-approved language concerning Weatherization and Intergovernmental Programs; Building Technology Office; Advanced Manufacturing Office, Combined Heat and Power Technical Assistance Partnerships, and Industrial Assessment Centers; and Workforce Development.

We appreciate your leadership and the work by the appropriations committees to follow regular order, avoid controversial policy riders, and consider appropriations for DOE’s energy efficiency programs early in the FY2019 process. Your work has ensured that Congress is ready and prepared to provide the funding and report language needed for DOE to do its part in the transition to a truly modern, integrated power grid and dynamic energy sector. DOE energy efficiency programs will be a critical driver and catalyst for new technology and innovation during this important time. Respectfully, we urge you and all conferees to support these important energy efficiency programs at DOE in FY2019.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

Advanced Energy Economy  
Alliance for Industrial Efficiency  
Alliance to Save Energy  
American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy  
APPA, “*Leadership in Educational Facilities*”  
ASHRAE  
Building Performance Institute  
Business Council for Sustainable Energy  
California Energy Commission  
Cree  
E4TheFuture  
Efficiency First  
Elevate Energy  
Energy and Resource Solutions  
Environmental and Energy Study Institute  
Green Business Certification, Inc.  
Home Performance Coalition  
Illuminating Engineering Society  
Ingersoll Rand  
Intel

International Association of Lighting Designers  
International Code Council  
Johnson Controls  
Knauf Insulation  
Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance  
National Association for State Community Services Programs  
National Association of Energy Service Companies  
National Association of State Energy Officials  
Nest  
North American Insulation Manufacturers Association  
Polyisocyanurate Insulation Manufacturers Association  
Retail Industry Leaders Association  
Seattle City Light  
Signify  
Southwest Energy Efficiency Project  
The Stella Group, Ltd.  
U.S. Green Building Council  
Vermont Energy Investment Corporation